



COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

May 17, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

Room B

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Toni Moran called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Meredith Lindsey, Toni Moran, Bill Ryan

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lida Bilokur expressed her concerns regarding the lack of attention she feels senior issues receive in the committee structure. Ms. Bilokur commented that the Commission on Aging, in her opinion, does not effectively advocate for seniors.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Lindsey moved and Mr. Ryan to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

4. REVIEW OF HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Director of Human Services Kevin Grunwald outlined the mission statements of the existing human services advisory committees. Mr. Grunwald commented that the Social Services Committee stopped meeting due to a lack of volunteers and the feeling that their role was not clearly defined. One suggestion that has resurfaced over the years is the establishment of an oversight committee comprised of the chairs of the various advisory committees. Committee on Committee members discussed the role of advisory committees in the governmental structure of the Town and how best to insure all human services' interest are represented by the committees.

5. REVIEW OF COMMITTEES FOLLOW UP

The following name will be added to the waiting list: Sally Milius to the Sustainability Committee. Ms. Lindsey will contact the UConn Communication Department to see if there might be staff or graduate students interested in serving on the Communication Advisory Committee.

Mr. Ryan will contact Mike Rice to see if he would be willing, or knows

someone who would be willing, to serve on the Communication Advisory Committee. Ms. Moran will contact Town Manager Matt Hart to discuss the possibility of appointing Joan Buck to the Conservation Committee, Human Services Committee options, the current role of the Emergency Management Committee and Library Committee appointments.

The Town Clerk will contact Ginny Walton to see if a Region 19 teacher has been suggested for the Sustainability Committee, if not she will let Mr. Ryan know. She will also contact Bill Thorne and Pat Maines to see if either have any suggestions for Open Space Committee members and contact Curt Vincente for suggestions for student appointment to the Recreation Advisory

Committee. The Town Clerk will talk to Cynthia van Zelm regarding the appointment date of Chris Paulhus to the Downtown Partnership.

Ms. Lindsey will call Katherine Paulhus regarding her reappointment to the Mansfield Advisory Committee. Ms. Moran will talk to the Dittrichs regarding vacancies on the Open Space Committee. Mr. Ryan will ask Mrs. Ryan, who serves on the Joshua Trust Board, if she has any suggestions of names for the Open Space Committee.

6. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Committee members agreed to present the following nominations to the Council:

Patrick McGlamery reappoint to the Communication Advisory Committee
Leila Fecho appoint as an alternate on the Communication Advisory Committee

Kevin Grunwald reappoint to the Regional Community Council

Tom Ward appoint to the Building Board of Appeals

Bill Briggs appoint as a alternate to the Housing Board of Appeals

David Spencer appoint as an alternated to the Housing Board of Appeals

Sally Milius appoint to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Agriculture Committee will be invited to the June 21st meeting to discuss their proposed changes to the Committee's charge.

Quentin Kessel and Director of Planning Greg Padick will be invited to the June 21st meeting to discuss the Town Council's policy on communicating with outside agencies.

8. OTHER

Changes to the website to reflect current vacancies will be made. Members agreed to include copies of the Freedom of Information Guidelines for Boards, Commissions and Committees and Town of Mansfield Ethics Board Frequently Asked Questions brochures with all appointment letters.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk